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1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CSCE BACK UP OFFICER, AMBASSADOR RENE LION, RECENTLY RETURNED TO BRUSSELS AFTER A BRIEF VISIT TO BELGRADE TO LOOK INTO THE WORKINGS OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE.
2. WHILE IN BELGRADE, LION HAD A LENGTHY SESSION WITH THE CHIEF OF THE ROMANIAN DEL, LIPATTI, WHOM HE HAD KNOWN PREVIOUSLY. LION SHARED THE FOLLOWING VIEWS ON THE ROMANIAN ROLE AT BELGRADE WITH US:

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(A) ROMANIA ASSUMED POSITIONS REMARKABLY AT VARIANCE WITH THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION. LION REPORTING LIPATTI'S VIEWS, SAID THAT ROMANIA, WHILE REMAINING STRONGLY COMMUNIST - EVEN STALINIST - IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WAS MORE ROMANIAN THAN SOVIET COMMUNIST IN ITS FOREIGN AFFAIRS. LION CHARACTERIZED THE WARSAW PACT STATES' POSITION AT BELGRADE AS BOTH COMPLETELY ISOLATED AND AS THE "WARSAW PACT LESS ONE - ROMANIA."

3. LION SAID HE ASKED LIPATTI WHY THE EAST EUROPEAN STATES INCLUDING ROMANIA HAD SO MUCH TROUBLE IN ACCEPTING THE FACT OF THE EC-9. LIPATTI, ACCORDING TO LION, REPLIED THAT THEY WERE ALL CONCERNED WITH THE POLITICAL UNIFICATION ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND WORRIED THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT TRY TO MOVE COMECON IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

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4. LION SAID HE WAS STRUCK, IN A CONFERENCE SESSION HE ATTENDED, TO NOTE THAT WHILE THE EAST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST HEADS OF DELEGATIONS ADDRESSED THAT DAY'S CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN (AN EAST EUROPEAN) AS "COMRADE PRESIDENT," THE ROMANIAN CHIEF DELEGATE ADDRESSED THE CHAIRMAN AS "MR. PRESIDENT." CHAMBERS

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